

# CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## Regular Council Meeting

Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville

Monday, June 18, 2018, 7:00 PM

### MINUTES

**Call to Order:** Mayor Maurer called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Roll Call: Present:** Aldermen Benjamin, Eiker, Hillier, Heller, Mahar, Myers, and Naslund; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney Rob McCoy Engineer Cooper, and Acting City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman McGovern. Also in attendance: Aaron Buck and Dan Self with MidCentury Fiber, David Wilt, Tom and Debbie Worden, Michelle McBride, and two members of the press.

**Public Comments:** none

**Approval of Minutes:** Aldermen **Eiker moved** to approve the Minutes of the June 4, 2018 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Naslund seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with two abstentions.

### GENERAL REPORTS

**Attorney Report:** None.

**Engineer Report:** Engineer Cooper announced that the Knox County Highway Department will begin the oil and chip project on July 2. He also stated that he had pre-applied for the Lead Line Water Service Replacement Project and that the IL EPA said we could put in a full application now for the 20 year loan for \$600,000.00, with half of the loan to be forgiven. As there are about 150 homes in Knoxville with lead lines, the discussion ensued as to the fairness of taking out a loan and increasing all water bills by approximately \$1.18 per month. The 150 homes will be surveyed to see if they are interested in the project.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bivens reported that she had surrendered a TIF CD early with a small penalty to pay several obligations from the TIF fund. The fund will be replenished with the receipt of County property taxes. Alderman Heller asked if the funds could have been borrowed from another account, and then repaid, so that there would be no bank penalty. Bivens said she did not feel this was an option, but she would confer with Attorney McCoy about this for future reference. She also reported that Alderman Mahar had asked her to provide options for purchasing a refurbished vacuum truck. The cost could be borrowed, could come out of Operating expenses, or could be a combination of Operating expenses and TIF. Mayor Maurer will check with the Economic Development Group about TIF eligibility. The group would prefer to not have to borrow funds.

**City Clerk's Report:** None.

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**Payment of City Bills:** Alderman Myers moved to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

**Information Items:** Mayor Maurer pointed out that the monthly departmental operating reports were available in the online Council packet.

### OLD BUSINESS

- 1. MidCentury Fiber Utility Easement:** Aaron Buck and Dan Self with MidCentury Fiber requested access to existing utility easements, and provided a map of the proposed work area. Alderman Myers moved to allow a utility easement to MidCentury Fiber pending a restoral contract provided for Attorney McCoy. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote with no dissent.
- 2. 2018-2019 Appropriations:** Council members finalized changes to the Appropriations figures. Alderman Eiker moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance 2018-07 as amended and to hold a Public Hearing on July 16, 2018 at 6:30. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion, which passed with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 3. Sale of Food at James Knox Park on July 4:** Mayor Maurer reported that he had approached the Fire Department to see if they wanted to sell any food items on July 4, but had not heard back either way. The Mayor will let Keith Vaughn know that the Knoxville Mercantile would be allowed to sell ice cream and hot dogs at the event.
- 4. Purchase of Vacuum Truck for Water Department:** Alderman Mahar moved to purchase a vacuum truck to be paid half from the Sanitation Department and half from the Sewer Department, after Alderman Naslund offered to pay part of the cost from the Sanitation Department. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion, which passed with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Water Department Supervisor Johnson is arranging for a demonstration of the truck.
- 5. Municipal Lot Fencing:** Alderman Myers requested that this project be tabled for 2018-2019 to be revisited later.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. South Water Tower Maintenance:** Engineer Cooper reported that the inspection of the South tower could not be completed due to the discovery of a ladder that had rusted and fallen in, plus there is a problem with the screening. Repairs are set up for the week of June 25, and the tower will be drained, repaired, and sanitized. Alderman Mahar moved to contract south water tower repairs with McGuire Iron Inc of Sioux Falls, SD. Alderman Benjamin seconded the motion, which passed with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

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2. **Funding Request from Knoxville Public Library:** Library Treasurer David Wilt requested \$10,000.00 for Library use. As this amount is allowed in the current Appropriations Ordinance, the request was granted.
3. **No Parking on East North St, East of Orange St:** North Street narrows from Orange Street to Carr Street, and when cars park on both sides, school busses and emergency vehicles cannot get through. Parking would be prohibited on the north side of the street in that location. Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve Ordinance 2018-08, Parking Restrictions on North Street, as amended. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, with **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
4. **Request to Use City Property for a Private Event:** Mr. Tom Worden, Mrs. Debbie Worden, and Mrs. Michelle McBride of Big Catz BBQ requested the use of the City-owned lot north of their restaurant for a car show on their Sunday Fun Day event on July 15, 2018. Alderman **Heller moved** to grant the use of the property. Alderman **Naslund seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
5. **Resolution 2018-40, Hire Grounds Maintenance Worker Harold Wheatley:** Alderman **Myers moved** to hire Harold Wheatley at \$8.50 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
6. **Resolution 2018-41, Temporary Street Closure for Knoxville High School Homecoming Parade:** Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the street closure for the annual Homecoming Parade on October 5, 2018. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

### Mayor's Report:

- The next Council meeting will be on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- Zoning Board of Appeals member Rod Dennis has resigned. As there are now two open positions on the ZBA and one on the Planning Commission, the suggestion was made to combine both boards, as some types of business needs to come before both boards. Mayor Maurer will check how the City of Galesburg has utilized a combined board.
- The Big Bang Brain Trivia night, benefitting the Fireworks Fund, will be held on June 30, 2018
- A thank you note from the Knoxville High School Senior Class of 2018, thanking the City for the donation to Project Graduation, was circulated.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Administrative – Benjamin:** None.

**Cemetery – Hillier:** None.

**Community & Economic Development – McGovern:** None.

**Parks – Eiker:** None.

**Police – Myers:** None.

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**Sanitation – Naslund:** None

**Streets – Heller:** None.

**Water/Sewer – Mahar:** None.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Purchase truck for Street Department
- Creating a new part time position for a painting employee
- Status of house demolition at 204 W Main St

**Adjourn:** At about 8:38 PM, Alderman **Eiker moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, Acting City Clerk